

(SRI B. M. PATIL)

(d) 1967-68	Rs. 127.35 lakhs
1968-69	Rs. 148.61 lakhs
1969-70	Rs. 184.73 lakhs

(as per budget estimate)

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

(but not taken up)

### Enforcement of Bombay Tenancy Act in North Kanara District

84. Sri M. H. JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN (Sirsi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the “Raita Sathyagraha Samithi” of North Kanara District has represented the Government to enforce The Bombay Tenancy Act again ;

(b) whether it has been noted in the said representation by the Samithi that if the Government do not give suitable assurance in this behalf within 25 days from the date of receipt of the application thousands of ryots will go on strike on a large scale throughout North Kanara District ;

(c) the final decision taken by them in respect of the notice given to them by the samithi regarding the strike by thousands of ryots and agricultural labourers ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is not proper and also not possible to apply a separate Act to North Kanara District which is a part of the State, when the Mysore Land Reforms Act 1961 applicable to the entire State is in force.

### Calling Attention to a Matter of Public Importance

Re: Jeep accident at Jade Shahapur in Belgaum District

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Municipal Administration to the jeep accident at Jade Shahapur in Belgaum District.

†Sri B. M. PATIL (Minister for State for Municipal Administration).—  
Sir, I beg to state as follows :—

Jeep bearing No. MYL 2858 belonging to the Belgaum City Municipality was being used between 9 A.M. and 12 NOON and between 5 P.M. and 9 P.M. every day for removal of encroachments and collection of octroi from the nakas.

On 27th February 1969 at about 18:00 hours the four

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sri V. G. Inamdar, Revenue Daroga</li> <li>2. Sri J. A. Patil, Octroi Clerk</li> <li>3. Sri P. S. Yellurkar, Driver</li> <li>4. Sri C. G. Bhatkande, Driver</li> </ol> | <p>persons whose names<br/>are noted in the<br/>margin went towards</p> |
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Khanapur in the Municipal Jeep driven by Sri P. S. Yellurkar. After they went 7 miles from Belgaum the Jeep dashed against the right side iron railing of a small bridge, proceeded further and dashed against a roadside tree at the end of railings and then turned turtle and fell down into a ditch about 10 feet in depth. The railing was completely damaged. Three persons were found lying dead on the slope near the tree and the driver was caught below the left rear wheel and he too had died. All the four occupants met with instantaneous death. One Reverend Father Thomas Kottaram who came from Khanapur in his car saw the accident. He came to Belgaum Rural Police Station, informed the Station House Officer about the accident and added that he had not seen whether all were dead or alive. The Station House Officer got the facts verified and registered the offence at 21:00 hours. In the meanwhile the C.P.I. who came to know about the accident at about 21:00 hours from other sources proceeded immediately to the spot. By then the S.H.O. and the S.I. came to the spot. The C.P.I. took up investigation and held an inquest over the dead bodies and sent the bodies for *Post-mortem* examination to the Civil Hospital, Belgaum. The C.P.I. found that all the four persons had severe head injuries and the brain matter of one person had come out. The C.P.I. found near the dead body of the jeep driver an empty brandy bottle quarter size and one with brandy in a quarter size bottle.

The brakes marks were not seen on the road but there were the wheel marks of the right wheels from the right end of the cement road up to the northern end of the right side railing and along the railing on the bridge upto the tree. The road here is from north to south (Belgaum to Kolhapur side) with roadside trees on either side. It is a cement road with a breadth of 12 feet and 'katcha' road of 3 feet on either side. The breadth of the culvert is 12 feet and length is about 15 feet. The tree is about 10 feet away from the southern end of the railing. There is a slight curve just before the bridge but it has a clear view even from a distance.

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The Municipal employees had no work at Khanapur nor were they entrusted with any work which would take them out of the town. That evening, they had not even collected any money from octroi nakas nor had they taken permission of any municipal authorities to take the jeep outside the town. It appears that they were going to Khanapur for merry making after consuming liquor and it appears that driver had driven the jeep fast and having lost control, dashed against the right side railing and further on against a tree. After the vehicle fell down in the ditch some persons from neighbouring villages within a distance of 2 furlongs collected but before they arrived all the four had died.

There is no question of prosecuting anyone here as all the four occupants including the driver had died.

As the Superintendent of Police has ordered the closure of the investigation, the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum, has requested the President, City Municipal Council, Belgaum, to consider the question of payment of compensation to the families of the deceased. The Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum, has also requested the Deputy Commissioner, Belgaum, to obtain necessary sanction early to the payment of pension to the widow of the deceased Sri V. G. Inamdar who was deputed to the municipality from Belgaum District Establishment.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The Hon. Minister has stated that Municipal Jeep was being used between 9 A.M. and 12 NOON and between 5 P.M. and 9 P.M. May I know whether 27th February 1969 was not a holiday for the Belgaum City Municipality?

SRI B. M. PATIL.—27th February 1969 might be a holiday. I have already made it clear in my statement that without permission and for no specific work, the Jeep was taken outside Belgaum Municipal limits.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—These persons were taking the jeep every Sunday to Khanapur. Had that come to the notice of the Administrator?

SRI B. M. PATIL.—No. It has not come to the notice of the Government.

### Notice of Adjournment Motion regarding Closure of Regulated Market at Raichur

SRI M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—Sir, what about the notice of my adjournment motion?

MR. SPEAKER.—The Hon. Deputy Minister for Co-operation will make a statement.